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A detailed report of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the period of 11 March to 24 April 1951 follows.

1. Pol Dasht

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14-16 March

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Six trains composed of 34 passenger cars, 71
closed cars, four tank cars, six carloads of
trucks, eight carloads of autos, six carloads
of coal, and eight carloads of sand.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Five trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 54 closed cars, eight
carloads of autos, ten tank cars, ten coal cars,
and two carloads of wood.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Eleven trains of unknown make-up.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:
Nine trains composed of 43 passenger cars, 125
closed cars, 32 coal cars, four tank cars, six
carloads of trucks, seven carloads of logs, six
carloads of engines, and 12 carloads of planks;
three trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Four trains composed of 25 closed cars, 18 car-
loads of logs, six carloads of sand, 46 tank cars,
31 carloads of planks, 13 coal cars, five carloads
of autos, four carloads of wood, and seven carloads
of plaster.

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night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Four trains of unknown make-up.

17 March

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 45
closed cars, two carloads of trucks, three carloads
of autos, five carloads of coal, and 12 tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
One train composed of 38 closed cars, two tank
cars, and six empty cars.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 41 closed cars, 35 car-
loads of planks, six carloads of plaster, four
carloads of autos, 12 coal cars, and three car-
loads of engines.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
One train composed of 14 passenger cars.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Three trains of unknown make-up.

18 March

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 46
closed cars, six carloads of trucks, six carloads
of wood, four carloads of sand, and 12 coal cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 49 closed cars, seven tank
cars, and four carloads of sand.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Three trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 15
closed cars, four carloads of trucks, ten coal
cars, nine tank cars, three carloads of logs, and
seven carloads of planks.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
One train composed of 21 closed cars, 14 coal
cars, six carloads of jeeps.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Three trains of unknown make-up.

19 March

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 36
closed cars, five carloads of wheat, six carloads
of iron, three carloads of sand, four carloads of
trucks, and 26 carloads of autos.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

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Westbound rail traffic, Dzshulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 28 closed cars, four carloads of iron pipes, two carloads of sand, ten tank cars, and 12 coal cars.

night Westbound rail traffic, Dzshulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzshulfa:
Two trains composed of four carloads of wood, four carloads of jeeps, 25 closed cars, 13 coal cars, six carloads of planks, and eight carloads of iron.

20-21 March

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Seven trains composed of 25 passenger cars, 78 closed cars, seven carloads of planks, 12 carloads of autos, 22 coal cars, 23 kerosene cars, and eight carloads of wood.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 33 closed cars, nine carloads of logs, ten kerosene cars, and six carloads of planks.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Five trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzshulfa to Nakhichevan:
Five trains composed of 29 closed cars, 33 coal cars, ten kerosene cars, eight carloads of jeeps, and 11 carloads of logs.

night Westbound rail traffic, Dzshulfa to Nakhichevan:
Three trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzshulfa:
Five trains composed of 14 carloads of iron, 12 carloads of plaster, 60 closed cars, 14 carloads of planks, 18 kerosene cars, 19 carloads of logs, eight carloads of jeeps, ten coal cars, and ten carloads of autos.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzshulfa:
Three trains of unknown make-up.

22-26 March

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 64 closed cars, six tank cars, six coal cars, and six empty cars.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Fifteen trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Fourteen trains composed of 55 passenger cars, 224 closed cars, 39 tank cars, six carloads of jeeps, six carloads of planks, 16 carloads of logs, eight carloads of sand, four carloads of trucks, 12 carloads of autos, 14 coal cars, and eight carloads of wood.

night Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Three trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzshulfa to Nakhichevan:
Fifteen trains composed of 44 passenger cars, 220 closed cars, 81 coal cars, five carloads of jeeps,

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16 carloads of autos, 44 tank cars, 18 carloads of trucks, three carloads of logs, six carloads of auto engines, 29 carloads of planks, six carloads of plaster, and three carloads of wood.

night Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Ten trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 141 closed cars, 66 carloads of logs, 17 carloads of autos, 63 tank cars, ten carloads of jeeps, five carloads of iron, 14 carloads of sand, 12 carloads of plaster, and eight coal cars.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Seven trains of unknown make-up.

27 March

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 40 closed cars, 25 carloads of autos, and eight carloads of planks.

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains composed of 55 closed cars, 20 carloads of logs, ten coal cars, and six kerosene cars.

night Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
One train composed of 16 closed cars, eight carloads of logs, and nine carloads of jeeps.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Three trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 56 closed cars, seven kerosene cars, eight carloads of jeeps, and ten coal cars.

night Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
One train of unknown make-up.

28 March

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 36 closed cars, five cars loaded with wheat harvesters, six carloads of iron, three carloads of trucks, and six carloads of autos.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of ten kerosene cars, 48 closed cars, four carloads of iron pipe, two carloads of sand, and 12 coal cars.

night Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Three trains composed of 45 closed cars, eight carloads of iron, 13 coal cars, four carloads of wood, and four carloads of jeeps.

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29-30 March

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Six trains composed of 27 passenger cars, 63
closed cars, seven carloads of autos, 14 freight
cars, 21 coal cars, six carloads of planks, and
12 tank cars.

night Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 55 closed cars, five tank
cars, two carloads of engines, four carloads of
iron, and eight carloads of logs.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Six trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Six trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 59
closed cars, 22 tank cars, 14 carloads of logs,
26 coal cars, and eight carloads of jeeps.

night Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Four trains composed of 51 closed cars, 25 tank
cars, 27 carloads of planks, four carloads of
jeeps, seven carloads of plaster, four carloads
of logs, and 14 carloads of iron.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

31 March-1 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 44
closed cars, two tank cars, one carload of iron,
18 carloads of coal, three carloads of wood, and
six carloads of plaster.

night Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
One train of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 27
closed cars, two empty cars, three carloads of
jeeps, and 14 tank cars.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Four trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Six trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 19 car-
loads of planks, nine carloads of autos, 37
closed cars, eight carloads of jeeps, eight tank
cars, eight coal cars, and three carloads of
trucks.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Two trains composed of 41 closed cars, 16 carloads
of logs, and 11 tank cars.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Four trains of unknown make-up.

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1030 hours	Two unidentified aircraft flew at a high altitude from Karajouan to Pol Dasht and returned. The aircraft disappeared in the direction of Deniqishlag post.
1-2 April (possible duplication of traffic given above)	<p>Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, ten closed cars, 16 carloads of soldiers, four carloads of soil, nine carloads of planks, ten tank cars, and 14 coal cars.</p> <p>Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 56 closed cars, seven carloads of generators, and 15 tank cars.</p>
night	<p>Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Four trains of unknown make-up.</p> <p>Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Five trains composed of 26 passenger cars, 64 closed cars, 14 coal cars, eight tank cars, and 12 carloads of planks.</p>
night	<p>Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains of unknown make-up.</p> <p>Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Five trains composed of six carloads of jeeps, 12 closed cars, 16 tank cars, 11 carloads of planks, three carloads of engines, nine coal cars, five carloads of autos, two carloads of wood, and six carloads of trucks.</p>
night	Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trains of unknown make-up.
4 April	Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 22 closed cars, six tank cars, and four carloads of planks.
night	<p>Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: One train of unknown make-up.</p> <p>Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 60 closed cars, three carloads of sand, one carload of generators, and four tank cars.</p>
night	Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Two trains of unknown make-up.
night	<p>Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 35 closed cars, seven carloads of planks, 15 coal cars, and four carloads of jeeps.</p> <p>Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains of unknown make-up.</p> <p>Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 20 closed cars and 12 tank cars.</p>
night	Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trains of unknown make-up.

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6-6 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Six trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 30
carloads of planks, six tank cars, 44 closed cars,
seven coal cars, six carloads of jeeps, eight
carloads of sand, and eight tank cars (sic).

night

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
One train of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 18 closed cars, 12 coal
cars, and six carloads of wood.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Four trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Four trains composed of 41 closed cars, five car-
loads of logs, 16 tank cars, nine carloads of
jeeps, three carloads of autos, 12 carloads of
plaster, eight carloads of planks, and 12 coal
cars.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Four trains composed of 54 closed cars, eight
tank cars, six carloads of coal, five carloads
of wood, three carloads of jeeps, five carloads
of wooden planks, and 12 carloads of logs.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

7 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 25
closed cars, seven freight cars, five carloads
of planks, eight coal cars, 14 tank cars, and
eight carloads of logs.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 74 closed cars, ten
tank cars, three carloads of wood-cutting machinery,
12 coal cars, and nine carloads of planks.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
One train composed of 14 passenger cars.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Two trains composed of 29 closed cars, six coal
cars, eight carloads of planks, and seven car-
loads of jeeps.

8 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 25
closed cars, six coal cars, nine carloads of logs,
15 tank cars, and six carloads of gasoline.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 39 closed cars, eight tank
cars, and three carloads of jeeps.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

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Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:
One train composed of 15 closed cars, two carloads
of planks, and two carloads of trucks.

night Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa:
One train composed of 12 closed cars and 12 coal
cars.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa:
One train of unknown make-up.

9 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, three
closed cars, six carloads of planks.

night Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
One train of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 60 closed cars, three
carloads of sand, four tank cars, and one car-
load of generators.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 35
closed cars, 15 coal cars, four cars carrying
wood-cutting machines, and eight carloads of
planks.

night Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa:
One train composed of 20 closed cars and 12
tank cars.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

10 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 47
closed cars, six carloads of planks, ten carloads
of trucks, 15 coal cars, and 12 tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
One train composed of 20 closed cars and eight
carloads of logs.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Three trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 20
closed cars, 20 coal cars, ten tank cars, eight
carloads of wood-cutting machinery, and ten car-
loads of logs.

night Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:
One train of unknown make-up.

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Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Three trains composed of 33 carloads of plaster,
39 closed cars, 14 carloads of iron, 14 carloads
of planks, and 13 tank cars.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

11 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 33
closed cars, three boxcars, 12 coal cars, six
carloads of trucks, six carloads of logs, five
kerosene cars, and two cars carrying agricultural
machinery.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 27 passenger cars, 19
kerosene cars, one boxcar, one gasoline car,
59 closed cars, and three generators.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
One train composed of 12 closed cars, six freight
cars, and 12 kerosene cars.

night Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, six
carloads of planks, and 12 coal cars.

12-13 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Seven trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 119
coal cars, seven carloads of planks, one car-
load of tractors, two carloads of wire, one car-
load of machine guns, one carload of soldiers,
18 carloads of trucks, eight carloads of boxes,
nine coal cars, 12 carloads of logs, seven car-
loads of iron, and one carload of agricultural
machinery.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 17 passenger cars, 46
closed cars, four carloads of containers, four
carloads of iron, two carloads of weapons carriers,
four kerosene cars, and one carload of planks.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 26 passenger cars, 44
closed cars, 24 tank cars, two carloads of plaster,
four carloads of iron, and 16 coal cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Five trains composed of 51 closed cars, 18 car-
loads of boxes, 12 coal cars, six empty cars, ten
freight cars, 12 carloads of logs, 14 tank cars,
eight carloads of iron, three carloads of sand,
and two carloads of autos.

During the night of 12-13 April about 30 Soviet
trucks were observed in constant motion from 2100
hours to 0200 hours on the road from Tural to
Yalqaz Aghaj, opposite the Iranian post of Qara
Khujaluzi. Such activities have not been observed
since the days of the German threat to the Caucasus.

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14 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 55 closed cars, two carloads of plaster, two coal cars, three carloads of planks, seven carloads of wire, and three tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 12 closed cars, 13 tank cars, and two carloads of stone.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 12 coal cars, three carloads of boxes, 16 tank cars, ten closed cars, and four gasoline cars (sic).

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa:
Two trains composed of 12 passenger cars, 20 closed cars, six carloads of logs, and 12 carloads of planks.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa:
Six trains of unknown make-up.

15 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 14 carloads of planks, three carloads of trucks, one carload of agricultural machinery, 56 closed cars, 14 carloads of logs, four coal cars, two carloads of autos, and five tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
One train composed of one passenger car, 17 closed cars, and three tank cars.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Three trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 24 closed cars, eight tank cars, two carloads of jeeps, 14 carloads of planks, six coal cars, nine carloads of logs, and two carloads of boxes.

night One train of unknown make-up went from Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan and returned.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 33 closed cars, 16 tank cars, six carloads of plaster, nine carloads of iron, and three carloads of planks.

16 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
One train composed of 13 carloads of planks, three carloads of wood, two carloads of autos, and 18 closed cars.

night Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

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Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of four carloads of iron, two
carloads of boxes, 45 closed cars, six coal cars,
and three freight cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 28
closed cars, eight kerosene cars, and three car-
loads of logs.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
One train composed of 14 coal cars, eight car-
loads of iron, and 12 closed cars.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

17 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 27
closed cars, eight kerosene cars, and four coal
cars.

night Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 27
closed cars, 14 kerosene cars, and one generator.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 29
closed cars, three carloads of jeeps, and four
carloads of iron.

night Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
One train of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Two trains composed of 14 closed cars, two car-
loads of jeeps, eight carloads of planks, four
carloads of plaster, and 14 kerosene cars.

19 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 26
closed cars, one carload of agricultural
machinery, 12 kerosene cars, two carloads of
iron, 13 freight cars, eight coal cars, five
carloads of planks to be placed beneath engines
(sic), and three carloads of engines.

night Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
One train composed of one passenger car and seven
closed cars.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of six kerosene cars, 30
closed cars, two carloads of iron, eight kerosene
cars (sic), 12 coal cars, and six carloads of
trucks.

night Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
One train of unknown make-up.

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Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Three trains composed of 46 closed cars, four
carloads of jeeps, six carloads of planks, nine
carloads of logs, seven kerosene cars, four car-
loads of soil, and six coal cars.

1600
hours

Two civilians who looked like Kurds came to the
post of Pol Dasht. One of the men measured the
depth of the water with an instrument.

1800
hours

Four large trucks were observed on the road west
of Shah Takhti. The trucks left the road at a
point one kilometer west from the bridge and
headed westward. Behind a hill the trucks unloaded
four pieces of heavy artillery and 30 men in dark
civilian garb who wore woolen and skin hats similar
to Kurdish headgear. The guns were installed behind
the hill and sometime later several more individuals
arrived from Shah Takhti. Intense activity was
observed.

The persons described in the two previous para-
graphs looked like Barzani Kurds.

20 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 43
closed cars, two carloads of soil, two coal cars,
15 kerosene cars, and two carloads of planks.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
One train of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 29 closed cars, four car-
loads of iron, ten carloads of plaster, three
empty cars, and two carloads of trucks.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Four trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 21
closed cars, six carloads of logs, and 12 kerosene
cars.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Two trains composed of 13 closed cars, eight car-
loads of planks, ten carloads of jeeps, ten coal
cars, and six freight cars.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
One train of unknown make-up.

21 April

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 12
carloads of sand, four kerosene cars, 45 closed
cars, six carloads of stone, and two carloads of
wood.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 90 closed cars, 12
kerosene cars, two carloads of engines, five
freight cars, seven carloads of wood, and ten
carloads of troops.

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	night	Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: One train of unknown make-up.
		Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 31 kerosene cars, four carloads of trucks, five coal cars, 12 carloads of planks, three carloads of boxes.
	night	Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains of unknown make-up.
	night	Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa: One train composed of 20 cars of unstated type, 12 carloads of planks, and seven kerosene cars; two trains of unknown make-up.
	0900-1100 hours	Several artillery salvos were fired behind the eastern heights of the Shah Takhti post.
22 April	0900,1000, 1200,1300, 1500 hours	Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Five trains composed of 73 closed cars, four carloads of stone, seven coal cars, 11 carloads of wood, 19 kerosene cars, two boxcars, eight carloads of jeeps, 14 passenger cars, and 12 carloads of planks.
	night	Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: One train of unknown make-up.
	1200,1300, 1400 hours	Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 50 closed cars, six carloads of sand, four kerosene cars, one car- load of planks, and 14 passenger cars, and three carloads of autos.
	night	Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan: Four trains of unknown make-up.
23 April	1200,1400, 1500 hours	Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 29 closed and coal cars, eight kerosene cars, and two generators.
	0900,1600, 1800,2400, hours	Direction unstated: Four trains composed of six coal cars, 40 closed cars, 18 freight cars, 18 kerosene cars, and an unstated number of cars carrying sand and boxes.
	1100,1300 hours	Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 12 coal cars, 16 closed cars, 23 freight cars, an unstated number of cars carrying six trucks, three jeeps, planks, and iron.
	2400,0300 hours	Direction unstated: Two trains of unknown make-up.
	1600 hours	Direction unstated: One train composed of 12 coal cars, 27 closed cars, eight carloads of logs, four kerosene cars, six carloads of sand, and three carloads of cases.
	night	Same direction: One train of unknown make-up.

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24 April 1100,1300, hours Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Three trains composed of 22 closed cars, six kerosene cars, and seven carloads of planks.

1400,1800 hours Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 60 closed cars, four kerosene cars, three carloads of sand, and one carload of generators.

1000,1200, 1600 hours Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 30 closed cars, eight carloads of planks, 15 coal cars, 15 passenger cars, and four carloads of wood-cutting machinery.

2400,0200 hours Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains of unknown make-up.

0600 hours Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 20 closed cars and 12 tank cars.

2100,0300 hours Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trains of unknown make-up.

2. Dzhulfa

14-15 March

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: Fifteen trains composed of 68 boxcars, 66 gondolas loaded with lumber and coal, two carloads of autos, ten tank cars, 14 carloads of motors, and two carloads of trucks.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: Four trains of unknown make-up.

1700-1730 hours

Six Soviet soldiers and one officer engaged in rifle firing practice in the hills north of the Soviet post of Paichi.

16 March

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: Four trains composed of 75 boxcars, 47 gondolas, 11 carloads of engines, five carloads of autos, and an un-stated number of carloads of iron materials, coal, and lumber.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: Three trains of unknown make-up.

17 March

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 54 boxcars, 15 gondolas carrying planks, coal, and barrels, and 12 tank cars.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: Four trains of unknown make-up.

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18 March

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa:
Two trains composed of 31 boxcars, 37 gondolas,
2 tank cars, three carloads of agricultural
machinery, an unstated number of cars carrying
26 trucks and six autos, and an unstated number
of carloads of coal and lumber.

East and westbound rail traffic, between Dzhulfa
and Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 44
boxcars, five tank cars, three gondolas carrying
lumber, and two passenger cars.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Dzhulfa
and Nakhichevan: Three trains of unknown make-up.

A new watchtower has recently been constructed
approximately five or six kilometers northwest
of Dzhulfa. The tower is built of iron and is
about six meters in height.

19-20 March

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to
Nakhichevan: One train composed of 14 passenger
cars and one boxcar.

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa:
Two trains composed of 22 boxcars and 12 gondolas
carrying planks, lumber, and coal.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Four trains composed of 29 boxcars, 75 gondolas
of which 21 carried autos, two carried trucks,
17 carried engines, and the remainder carried
lumber.

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad
and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: One train
composed of 15 passenger cars and one boxcar.

21 March

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to
Ordubad: Ten passenger trains, of which 17 cars
carried armed soldiers; one train composed of 11
passenger cars of which seven were full of soldiers,
and 12 cars with unknown contents.

1100 hours

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
One train composed of nine boxcars carrying soldiers.

Three Soviet officers investigated the status of
a concrete bridge at Chuhi on the Dzhulfa highway,
and also investigated the area underneath the
bridge.

25 March 1100 hours

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
One passenger train composed of 14 cars, nine of
which were loaded with armed troops.

26 March

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad
and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: Five freight
trains composed of 75 boxcars, one car carrying
a crane, one kerosene car, and 82 gondolas carrying
36 autos, 45 trucks, lumber, and coal; two passenger
trains, number of cars unstated.

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Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Ordubad:
One train composed of 13 gondolas, among which
were observed four weapons carriers.

27 March

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to
Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 44 boxcars,
seven kerosene cars, 36 carloads of autos, 22
gondolas, and an unstated number of cars carrying
lumber and coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to
Ordubad: Two trains composed of 45 boxcars, ten
kerosene cars, and ten gondolas of which four were
loaded with cars and six with lumber.

30 March

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa:
One train composed of an unstated number of cars
carrying soldiers who may have been replacements
for guard and patrol members in the area.

1900-2300
hours

Soviet soldiers fired 38 artillery salvos
opposite the post of Tekdal. One flare was fired
each time a salvo was fired.

31 March

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
One freight train composed of 28 cars, of which
five carried unarmed soldiers.

0800 hours

Commencing at this time, trucks carrying civilians
from Dzhulfa to the village of Paichi increased
their traffic.

Soviet patrols are observed to be more numerous
along the railroad and along the border.

0600, 0600
hours

Machine gun firing was heard.

29 March - 3 April
(possible duplication
of above dates)

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to
Nakhichevan: Fourteen trains composed of two
closed cars, 220 boxcars, 28 tank cars, 206
gondolas, one carload of engines, two carloads
of jeeps, three carloads of cylinders, four
carloads of trucks, 11 carloads of autos, three
carloads of auto-busses, 12 passenger cars; an
unstated number of the gondolas mentioned carried
wood, lumber, and coal.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to
Nakhichevan: One train of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Five trains composed of 125 boxcars, 12 tank
cars, and 76 gondolas of which nine carried
engines and an unstated number carried barrels.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa:
Seven trains of unknown make-up.

2000-2300
hours

On one of the listed days 150 flares were fired,
four to six at a time, behind the Dzhulfa heights.

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Dzhulfa continued

3 April
(possible duplication
of above date)

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 52 boxcars, two tank cars,
and 52 gondolas of which 17 carried autos, three
carried trucks, and 32 carried lumber.

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Four trains composed of 18 boxcars, and 21 gondolas
loaded with engines, iron pipe, boxes, wood, and
lumber.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad
and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: Two trains of
unknown make-up.

4-5 April

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan:
Twelve trains composed of 23 boxcars, 121 gondolas,
43 tank cars, 11 carloads of trucks, five carloads
of engines, and two carloads of autos; four
passenger trains.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad:
Five trains composed of 125 boxcars, 32 gondolas,
six carloads of sand, six tank cars, three car-
loads of trucks, one car carrying a crane, and an
unstated number of cars carrying wood, iron, lumber,
and one cooking container, possibly part of a field
kitchen; two passenger trains.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa:
One train composed of eight boxcars loaded with
soldiers and one artillery piece.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad
and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: Fifteen trains
of unknown make-up.

7 April

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to
Nakhichevan: One train composed of 29 boxcars,
four tank cars, two passenger cars, 43 gondolas
of which 18 were loaded with red cylinders, and
one carload of trucks, wood, lumber, and coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad:
One train composed of six boxcars and six gondolas
loaded with lumber.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad
and Dzhulfa: Four trains of unknown make-up.

8 April

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to
Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 27 boxcars,
three carloads of engines, three passenger cars,
and 32 gondolas carrying wood, sand, and lumber.

9 April

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to
Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 48 box-
cars, seven tank cars, 37 gondolas, 15 carloads
of trucks, four carloads of autos, and an un-
stated number of cars carrying wood and lumber;
two passenger trains.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to
Nakhichevan: Four trains of unknown make-up.

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10 April

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 55 boxcars, 23 kerosene cars, and 38 gondolas carrying wood, lumber, and coal; two passenger trains.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 36 boxcars and four tank cars.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: Three trains of unknown make-up.

11 April

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: Three freight trains composed of 18 boxcars and 16 gondolas carrying lumber and coal; two passenger trains.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: Two trains of unknown make-up.

0730 hours

Twenty Soviet soldiers engaged in rifle firing practice.

1030 hours

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: One truck carrying one artillery piece.

1115 hours

One jeep carrying several officers and four soldiers visited the iron bridge and the border.

11-12 April
(possible duplication
of above date)

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: Six trains composed of 28 boxcars, one tank car, and 40 gondolas carrying 24 trucks, two autos, wood, lumber, and coal.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: Four trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Two trains composed of 25 boxcars, three tank cars, and 15 gondolas carrying motors.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: Two trains composed of 28 boxcars, 30 tank cars, and ten gondolas.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: Eight trains of unknown make-up.

1610 hours
12 April

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trucks carrying two guns and 30 soldiers.

1510 hours
12 April

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: One truck carrying one gun.

1030 hours

A group of Soviet soldiers practiced rifle firing.

1900-2200
hours

At two points on the heights north of Dzhulfa 380 white rockets were fired, and in the heights near the post of Shah Abasi 250 rockets were fired. This was an unprecedented action.

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13 April

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 63 boxcars, four tank cars, and 30 gondolas carrying autos, wood, lumber, and coal; two passenger trains, number of cars unstated.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Four trains composed of 76 boxcars, seven kerosene cars, and 18 gondolas.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: Five trains of unknown make-up.

1120 hours

A group of Soviet soldiers practiced rifle and machine gun firing north of Dzhulfa.

1200 hours

Two trucks carrying guns were observed moving east from Dzhulfa.

1320 hours

Fifteen Soviet soldiers practiced rifle firing at Dzhulfa.

14 April

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Two trains composed of 46 boxcars, one tank car, and 12 gondolas carrying coal; two passenger trains, number of cars unstated.

Eastbound rail traffic, from Dzhulfa: Two troop trains.

One group of soldiers practiced rifle firing at Dzhulfa.

1330 hours

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to Ordubad: One truck carrying a gun.

1415 hours

Westbound road traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trucks carrying one gun and soldiers. Nine soldiers practiced firing and engaged in training, and at 1500 hours returned to Dzhulfa.

15 April

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 28 boxcars, four kerosene cars, and five gondolas carrying 47 trucks full of soldiers (sic); two passenger trains.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: One train composed of two kerosene cars, 17 gondolas, two carloads of autos, and two carloads of trucks.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trains of unknown make-up.

16 April

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 75 boxcars, 12 kerosene cars, 20 gondolas, four carloads of trucks, and two passenger cars.

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Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad:
Two trains composed of 46 boxcars, four kerosene cars, and six gondolas.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad:
Three trains of unknown make-up.

0930 hours One group of soldiers engaged in rifle firing practice.

1115 hours Westbound road traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
One truck full of armed soldiers.

17 April Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 46 boxcars, seven kerosene cars, and 32 gondolas carrying lumber and coal; two passenger trains.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Four trains composed of 92 boxcars, seven kerosene cars, and 14 gondolas of which five carried wood.

night East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: Two trains of unknown make-up.

Soviet soldiers conducted rifle and machine gun practice at Dzhulfa and Ahmedabad.

20 April Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Two trains composed of 27 boxcars, nine kerosene cars, 19 freight cars carrying coal, and two passenger cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 22 boxcars, one kerosene car, and 19 freight cars.

1900 hours One jeep went from Dzhulfa to the Halaken post, and returned to Dzhulfa after a 15-minute stay.

1500 hours Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan:
One truck full of armed soldiers.

22 April Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: One passenger train; two freight trains composed of 71 boxcars, ten kerosene cars, 20 gondolas loaded with coal, and two carloads of autos.

night Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: One freight train composed of 36 boxcars, 12 kerosene cars, and 16 gondolas among which was observed one crane.

Ten Soviet soldiers engaged in rifle firing practice.

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23 April

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Two passenger trains; two freight trains composed of 44 boxcars, four kerosene cars, and 18 gondolas of which three carried autos, one carried lumber, and the rest carried coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to Ordubad: One train composed of 36 boxcars, three kerosene cars, and seven gondolas.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad and Nakhichevan, through Dzhulfa: Four trains of unknown make-up.

The Soviets have completed the construction of a new watchtower opposite the Iranian post of Shah Abasi.

3. Sia Rud

14-15 March

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Six trains composed of 42 passenger cars, 16 freight cars, 35 covered cars, two carloads of sand, and 23 gondolas among which were observed three autos, three trucks, four agricultural machines, wood, and timber.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Four trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 37 freight cars, four tank cars, nine covered cars, and 14 gondolas among which was seen one auto.

16 March

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 58 freight cars, ten gondolas carrying six generators, and one carload of tractors.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 24 freight cars, 14 covered cars, three tank cars, seven gondolas, and 11 carloads of autos; one locomotive.

17 March

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 69 freight cars, 11 tank cars, and 14 covered cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 22 freight cars, seven covered cars, and five gondolas carrying wooden poles.

1100-1400
hours

About 35 Soviet soldiers engaged in rifle and light machine gun firing practice, shooting at objectives about 300 meters distant.

18 March

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 94 freight cars, 45 covered cars, two tank cars, and 47 gondolas carrying 30 trucks and autos, timber, and wood.

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Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 20 freight cars, 17 covered cars, and two gondolas; eight locomotives.

19-22 March

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Five trains composed of 50 passenger cars, 17 freight cars, 16 covered cars, and 125 gondolas among which were observed eight autos.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Six trains composed of 38 passenger cars, 54 covered cars, 62 gondolas carrying coal, 38 tank cars, 81 freight cars, and an unstated number of cars carrying four transformers; five locomotives pulling 12 covered cars.

20-24 March
(possible duplication
of above dates)

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 100 freight cars, 51 covered cars, eight gondolas, 15 kerosene cars, and six carloads of logs.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Five trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 83 freight cars, 76 covered cars, 11 kerosene cars, and 12 gondolas carrying wooden poles, one auto, and one large crane.

At 1100 hours on 22 March, one passenger train composed of 14 cars, of which six were full of armed soldiers, passed through Ordubad station in an easterly direction. Forty unarmed soldiers left the train at Ordubad station for half an hour, and then returned to the train. Food and equipment, together with white sacks filled with unknown contents, were unloaded from the train.*

At 1600 hours on 22 March, one freight train composed of 30 freight cars, of which 13 were full of unarmed soldiers, went from Dzhulfa to Baku. *

0430 hours

Members of the posts of Ganish Yoozhan and Simrud engaged in rifle firing practice; fifteen shots were fired. Seven green and five white rockets were fired toward the western heights of Ordubad.

Five Soviet soldiers dug a ditch connecting the chardivari (four walls) (sic) and the railroad. The length of the ditch is about 100 meters.

One hundred fifty Soviet soldiers armed with rifles and submachine guns and divided into groups of eight to ten men were observed between the posts of Noodi and Haras along the railroad.

24-25 March
(possible duplication
of above date)

Westbound rail traffic, Badjube (not located) to Dzhulfa: Seven trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 221 freight cars, 109 covered cars, 21 tank cars, and 70 gondolas of which 12 carried autos and four carried cranes.

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Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 25 freight cars, 21 covered cars, two tank cars, and two gondolas.

1630 hours On one of the listed days 25 male civilians and six women left a train at Qarashuan and entered three large buildings there. The train was composed of two tank cars, five gondolas, and 23 passenger cars of which five carried unarmed soldiers; the train was traveling eastward from Dzhulfa toward Baku.*

1200 hours On one of the listed days 200 civilians, six armed soldiers and one officer left a train which was going in the direction of Dzhulfa. The soldiers and officer went to the Noodi post; six civilians went to the village of Bala and the rest of the civilians went to the water pump installation near the Noodi post. One third of this group consisted of women. At 1300 hours, 130 of those who had left the train boarded a train going toward Baku.*

26 March

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 43 covered cars, 13 kerosene cars, and 15 gondolas carrying four army tanks and 40 soldiers; one locomotive pulling a gondola loaded with a large crane.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 78 freight cars, 42 covered cars, ten kerosene cars, and 26 gondolas carrying 15 autos.

28-29 March

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Five trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 112 freight cars, 67 covered cars, seven tank cars, and 38 gondolas carrying three autos, two jeeps, and seven trucks.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 102 freight cars, 65 covered cars, 19 gondolas, and 18 tank cars.

1315 hours

From one of the trains which was going toward Baku on one of the listed days, eight officers and eight soldiers, two of whom were unarmed women, together with 90 male and female civilians got off opposite Noodi. The group went off toward Noodi. Eighty men and women boarded the same train which left in the direction of Baku.

1100 hours
29 March

From the train which was going toward Dzhulfa, about 30 civilians left the train at Noodi station and walked about in front of the station, cheering and gaily shouting. This train was composed of 42 cars, 36 of which carried unarmed soldiers.

30-31 March

Westbound rail traffic Baku to Dzhulfa: Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 125 freight cars, 87 covered cars, four tank cars, and ten gondolas loaded with four autos, two jeeps, one agricultural machine, and wooden poles.

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Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Four trains composed of 21 passenger cars, 90 freight cars, 60 covered cars, four tank cars, and 26 gondolas carrying ten generators.

31 March 0730 hours
(possible
duplication
of above date)

One train composed of 14 passenger cars, traveling in the direction of Dzhulfa, stopped at Ordubad, where it took on 150 soldiers from the Ordubad post; the train then continued on toward Dzhulfa. Forty unarmed soldiers and two officers left the train at Ordubad, entered two trucks, and were driven into Ordubad.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 14 passenger cars, three of which carried soldiers.

Nine Soviet soldiers and one officer engaged in heavy machine gun practice opposite the Noodi post.

1-2 April

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Seven trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 204 freight cars, 146 covered cars, 17 tank cars, and 71 gondolas among which were observed four cooking containers and 14 carloads of men, women, and children; one locomotive.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 49 freight cars, seven covered cars, five tank cars, and 38 gondolas carrying one truck and wooden poles.

4 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train among which were five carloads of unarmed soldiers.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train among which were five carloads of unarmed soldiers.

5 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 27 freight cars, seven tank cars, nine covered cars, and 21 gondolas among which were observed three trucks.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 42 freight cars, 28 covered cars, and eight tank cars.

6 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 73 freight cars, 32 covered cars, 27 tank cars, and four gondolas, of which two cars carried unarmed soldiers.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 21 freight cars, 12 covered cars, four tank cars, and five gondolas carrying five trucks.

Ten soldiers under the supervision of one officer and one warrant officer engaged in rifle firing practice at Ordubad.

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7 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 51 freight cars, 14 covered cars, 21 tank cars, 16 gondolas, and one car carrying one crane.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 26 freight cars, 14 covered cars, four tank cars, and eight gondolas.

8 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 76 freight cars, 24 covered cars, four tank cars, and 50 gondolas carrying three agricultural machines and poles.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 32 freight cars, 22 covered cars, and seven tank cars.

9 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 74 freight cars, 58 covered cars, 13 gondolas carrying poles, and three tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 14 passenger cars.

10 April

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 138 freight cars, 28 carloads of men, women, and sheep, 70 kerosene cars, 38 covered cars, and three gondolas carrying two generators.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 39 freight cars, 20 covered cars, four kerosene cars, and 15 gondolas carrying trucks, one tractor, and one agricultural machine.

11-12 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Four trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 49 freight cars, 42 covered cars, 25 gondolas, and four tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Five trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 80 freight cars, 54 covered cars, eight gondolas, and 14 tank cars.

13 April

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Six trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 39 freight cars, 21 covered cars, 12 tank cars, and six gondolas carrying generators.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 44 freight cars, 22 covered cars, four tank cars, two carloads of autos, and two carloads of agricultural machines.

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14 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 14 passenger cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 64 freight cars, 54 covered cars, four tank cars, and six gondolas.

15 April

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 49 freight cars, 30 covered cars, five kerosene cars, and 14 gondolas of which two were loaded with trucks, and four with plaster.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 15 freight cars, 51 covered cars, and 14 gondolas carrying 26 trucks.

16 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 37 freight cars, 15 covered cars, seven kerosene cars, ten gondolas carrying wooden poles and iron pipe, and one car carrying a tractor.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 73 freight cars, 62 covered cars, seven gondolas, and four kerosene cars.

17 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 50 freight cars, 26 covered cars, and 24 gondolas among which were observed four agricultural machines.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 81 freight cars, 56 covered cars, 15 kerosene cars, and ten gondolas carrying eight generators.

18 April 1630-1830
hours

Soviet soldiers from the Ordubad post practiced firing toward Ordubad with rifles and light machine guns. Two bursts of machine gun fire and 115 rifle shots were heard.

20 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 14 passenger cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 41 freight cars, 27 covered cars, three kerosene cars, and 11 gondolas on one of which was observed one weapons carrier.

22 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One freight train composed of 11 covered cars, 56 kerosene cars, and 14 gondolas carrying soil.

1600, 1700
hours

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 31 covered cars, four kerosene cars, five gondolas, and four autos (sic).

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23 April 0700,0800,
2400 hours Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 20 covered cars, ten carloads of planks, four kerosene tank cars, 16 empty cars, and 13 gondolas of which 12 carried auto accessories.

1100,1600
hours Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 17 passenger cars, eight freight cars, 21 closed cars, nine empty cars, and eight gondolas carrying five wooden boxcars (sic).

4. Khuda Afarin

14-15 March Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Four trains composed of 67 freight cars, 16 tank cars, and 77 gondolas carrying iron machine tools.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 15 freight cars, 23 coal cars, and 40 gondolas carrying two artillery pieces, wood, coal, and telephone wire.

16 March Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 25 freight cars, two tank cars, 16 gondolas carrying wood, and seven carloads of autos.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 65 freight cars, 12 tank cars, and 28 gondolas carrying cases, machine tools, and four barrels.

18 March Direction unstated (possibly eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku): Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 30 freight cars, 15 gondolas, and two tank cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 13 passenger cars.

18-24 March
(possible duplication
of above date)

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Eight trains composed of 305 freight cars, 14 passenger cars, 53 gondolas loaded with coal and telephone wire, 25 tractors, 20 autos, and 22 cranes, 29 kerosene cars, four carloads of jeeps, two carloads of autos, and seven freight cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Seven trains composed of 121 freight cars, 14 passenger cars, 112 kerosene cars, 36 closed cars, 38 gondolas carrying coal, iron, wood, boxes, and machine tools, and an unstated number of cars carrying 22 armored cars and accessories, 12 locomotives

On 22 March members of the Soviet posts in this area were replaced by new personnel who were between the ages of 18 and 20.

The Soviets have started construction of a building on Daridagh mountain. The building is apparently for the storage of arms and ammunition, and is surrounded by barbed wire. Four watchtowers are also being constructed.

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24 March
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of above date)

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 25 gondolas carrying stone.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 34 freight cars, 18 tank cars, one passenger car, and 22 gondolas carrying iron.

26 March

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 37 freight cars, four carloads of trucks, eight carloads of autos, three kerosene cars, and 34 gondolas carrying wood and timber.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One passenger train, number of cars unstated.

27 March

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 25 freight cars, 15 covered cars, five carloads of iron, and eight gondolas.

Soviet construction activity at Karajouan has recently been increasing. More than eighty men are engaged on a project, and are using daily 20 to 30 loads of dynamite for blasting purposes. The workers are being housed at the large buildings in Karajouan.

28 March

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One passenger train composed of eight cars loaded with 300 or more soldiers who were between the ages of 20 and 25.

1700-1800
hours

Sixteen Soviet soldiers engaged in rifle firing practice north of Paichi. Fifteen Soviet soldiers engaged in rifle firing practice at Minjabad.

28-29 March
(possible duplication
of above date)

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 27 gondolas, 13 freight cars, and nine tank cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 38 freight cars, nine tank cars, and 67 gondolas of which one carried cotton machinery, ten carried autos, and the remainder carried wood, timber, coal, iron, and cases.

30-31 March

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Four trains composed of 26 passenger cars, 38 freight cars, 50 gondolas, and 28 tank cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of one passenger car, one tank car, and 68 freight cars carrying wood, coal, seven autos, and five civilians.

At Mohammad Rezalü the Soviets signaled with lights to nearby posts.

The Soviets have moved the post opposite Mohammad Rezalü to a spot within 20 meters of the Araxes River. **

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2-3 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 27 freight cars, 46 gondolas carrying wood and cases, six carloads of autos, and two tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Five trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 89 freight cars, seven tank cars, and 47 gondolas carrying iron, cases, wheels, wire, and boxes; one switch engine.

4-5 April

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Four trains composed of 25 passenger cars, 66 freight cars, 38 gondolas, and six tank cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Four trains composed of 46 freight cars, eight carloads of autos, three tank cars, and 63 gondolas carrying wood and bricks.

6 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 36 freight cars, 29 gondolas carrying wood, and seven tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 12 passenger cars, 45 freight cars, and ten gondolas.

7 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 50 freight cars, six tank cars, and 36 gondolas carrying two autos, wood, and machine tools.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 13 freight cars and one gondolas.

8 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 39 freight cars, and 18 gondolas carrying wood and machinery.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 12 passenger cars, 28 freight cars, six gondolas, and six tank cars.

9 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 19 freight cars, two tank cars, and 51 gondolas carrying one auto, tractors, tools, wood, and coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 39 freight cars, 17 gondolas, and six tank cars.

10 April

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 16 freight cars, seven kerosene cars, and ten gondolas carrying 35 unarmed soldiers.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One switch engine.

At various unstated hours four green and one red rockets were fired at Khuda Afarin.

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11-12 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Five trains composed of 88 freight cars, 102 gondolas, and one car carrying trucks.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 38 freight cars, 20 gondolas, and 14 tank cars.

13 April

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 13 passenger cars, 66 freight cars, 36 gondolas, and 16 tank cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 28 freight cars, 14 gondolas, and 12 tank cars.

14 April

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 29 freight cars, 12 gondolas, and two tank cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 21 freight cars and 31 gondolas.

16 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 18 freight cars, three kerosene cars, and 26 gondolas carrying wood and coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 45 freight cars, 15 gondolas, and eight kerosene cars.

18 April

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 16 freight cars, eight kerosene cars, and 12 cars with unknown contents.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 16 freight cars, and seven carloads of wood and coal.

0530 hours

Twelve Soviet soldiers and 11 officers left one of the border posts and went to Dzhulfa. At 0700 hours seven of the soldiers returned to their post, and at 0800 hours one more soldier returned.

20 April

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 59 freight cars, 14 kerosene cars, one diesel (sic), and 23 gondolas carrying two cranes, two autos, two trucks, cases, wood, coal, machine accessories, and eight nets (sic).

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 13 passenger cars and one freight car.

21 April 0900, 1700 hours

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 36 passenger cars, and 13 gondolas carrying wood, coal, and 13 civilians; one train composed of an unstated number of cars carrying 250 civilians.

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	1430,1600 hours	Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, ten kerosene cars, 16 gondolas, and two compartment (sic) cars.
23 April	0900,1000 hours	Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 24 gondolas carrying wood, machine accessories, six trucks, two autos, coal, and 16 compartment (sic) cars.
	1400,1800 hours	Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 38 freight cars, and 29 gondolas carrying wood, machine accessories, two autos, one ambulance, and one tractor.
	0950,1600 hours	Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train (sic) composed of three compartment cars, eight gondolas, two kerosene cars, and 14 passenger cars.
	0800,1600 hours	Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 35 freight cars, five gondolas, and 14 passenger cars.

5. Garmi

14 March		In this area the Soviets have increased the number of their patrols. Transport vehicles have been observed in constant movement. Because of the distance from which observations are carried out, and because the vehicles are covered, it has not been possible to identify the contents.
20 March		The Soviets are continuing to maintain the plowed strip running from the top of Khaniverdi on the Seyed Beglu heights to the heights of Chatal. About 25 to 30 women worked on highway repair on the road leading to Jige post.
	0630 hours	A Soviet loudspeaker opposite Belyasuvar (39-22N, 48-22E) broadcast remarks on the subject of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.
25 March		The Soviets are constructing an installation in front of the wall which was built last year. The installation is two meters by two meters in size. No further information is available on the installation. The Soviets have stepped up activities in this area. Trenches, roads, and the lines of communications are being repaired.
	2030 hours	The area near Belyasuvar was subjected to strong searchlight survey.
26 March	1630 hours	A Soviet single-engine biplane came from the direction of Astara, circled over Belyasuvar garrison, and returned toward Astara.

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Garmi continued

The Soviets were engaged in laying two strings of barbed wire along the frontier, and were also laying rockets which would explode on contact (it is possible that these were mines, not rockets). The old plowed strip was plowed again.

Most of the Soviet posts in this sector are engaged in military maneuvers.

3 April

The Soviets are engaged in repairing roads, plowing, and in some places are laying barbed wire. Opposite Assadlu, the Soviets are engaged in anti-pest and rodent control.

4 April

The number of Soviet patrols in this area is increasing. One Soviet officer has been observed patrolling by car between the posts in this sector.

Soviet activities are increasing daily. An un-stated number of women are engaged in repairing trenches in the area. Two Soviet officers and eight soldiers were observed mapping and surveying in this area.

Four single-engine biplanes flew reconnaissance missions along the border in this region.

9 April

Soviet activity is increasing daily in this sector. A constant movement of trucks and autos along the frontier has been observed. A number of carts has also been observed carrying troops.

14 April

It has been confirmed that the loads of the vehicles which have recently been observed in constant movement along the frontier consist chiefly of wood or boxes.

A number of Soviet soldiers have been engaged in road repair and brush burning.

One jeep has been observed constantly moving between the posts in this area.

In the vicinity of the Isakchi post, opposite the villages of Binkaga and Baferlu, three officers, two soldiers, and one woman left an auto. The officers climbed to the top of a hill and the others went to the Balbar River. The party then returned to Assadlu.

18 April

A new watch tower has been established two kilometers east of Tazekend. On the heights east of Seyid Beglu a strong fort has been built which dominates the surrounding territory.

6. Namin

26 March 1100-1250
hours

Four Soviet soldiers engaged in a problem in which they attacked a hill. The soldiers practiced with rifles and heavy machine guns. Thirty colored rockets were fired.

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Namin continued

27 March During the night Soviet soldiers dug trenches 300 meters from the Sholecheran post.

28 March Thirty white and red rockets were fired from the direction of Gaduk.

1 April 1100 hours Forty-five soldiers, accompanied by one cart loaded with barbed wire, installed barbed wire from the hill of the Qarbol Khanah post running toward the post of Sadafarin.

16 April 0600 hours Six civilians and seven soldiers arrived at Kalaputi. These persons wore black and gray clothing.

18 April Ten civilians wearing light gray clothes arrived at the Kalaputi post.

7. Astara

14-15 March North and southbound road traffic, between Lenkoran and Astara: Two jeeps, two autos, three ambulances, and six trucks carrying eight officers and an un-stated number of soldiers; four groups of armed soldiers on foot.

East and westbound road traffic, between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: Two jeeps, six trucks, two motorcycles, and five carts carrying eight officers, 89 armed soldiers, and 27 civilians; four armed soldiers and two officers on horseback.

East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: Six trucks, one cart, and one motorcycle carrying one sergeant, 12 armed soldiers, 12 civilians, and gunny sacks.

On 14 March, one group of soldiers was instructed in the use of mortars in front of the Astara post.

1400-1530 hours On 14 March, machine gun practice took place behind the garrison at Astara.

1000 hours One white flare was fired at the post of Qanbar Mahalleh.

1730 hours Two white flares were fired at Alashai.

2100 hours One white flare was fired at the Qala post.

Searchlights were flashed on the area three times during the night.

One tractor was observed plowing at Masjed Mahalleh.

16 March North and southbound road traffic, between Lenkoran and Astara: Five jeeps and five trucks carrying 15 officers, 97 armed soldiers, food, and empty sacks.

East and westbound road traffic, between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: Two motorcycles, four trucks, and three carts carrying two officers, 45 soldiers, and two civilians; one group of armed soldiers on foot; one group of armed soldiers on horseback.

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East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: Eight trucks and six carts carrying 27 armed soldiers, 27 unarmed soldiers, three women, bricks, sand, lime, and logs.

1900-2000 hours Searchlights were flashed over the area three times.

2400 hours Three white flares were fired at Rudkinar.

1300 hours One Soviet general accompanied by several high ranking officers arrived at the bridge at Astara, coming from the Lenkoran highway. The general took several photographs of Iranian territory from inside the Astara post.

17 March

North and southbound road traffic, between Lenkoran and Astara: One auto, five trucks, and four carts carrying three officers, six armed soldiers, 16 unarmed soldiers, four male civilians, one woman, and gunny sacks; one group of armed soldiers on foot.

Direction unstated (probably east and westbound road traffic, between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh): Three trucks carrying one officer, ten armed soldiers, and wood; one company of unarmed soldiers; eight unarmed soldiers on foot; one tractor.

East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: One jeep, five trucks, and one cart carrying two officers and 71 armed soldiers.

1930, 2030 hours Searchlights were flashed over the area.

2000 hours Two white flares were fired at the Masjed Mahalleh post.

18-20 March

North and southbound road traffic, between Lenkoran and Astara: Seven trucks, four jeeps, three autos, two ambulances, and two carts carrying 15 officers, 20 armed soldiers, and gunny sacks; two trucks carrying 26 soldiers; three groups of unarmed soldiers on foot; two complete (sic) groups of armed soldiers on foot.

East and westbound road traffic, between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: Ten trucks, four jeeps, one motorcycle, and five carts carrying 11 officers, 88 armed soldiers, 14 civilians, 26 unarmed soldiers, three armed soldiers (sic), foodstuffs, and logs.

East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: One ambulance, 12 trucks, one jeep, and eight carts carrying eight officers, 200 armed soldiers, eight unarmed soldiers, 35 armed soldiers (sic), and foodstuffs; eight armed soldiers on foot.

One sergeant and six armed soldiers went from the Alachai post to Qapchi Mahalleh.

Searchlights were active during the night.

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One white rocket was fired at the Rudkinar post. Three shots and three mortars were also fired at Rudkinar. One white rocket was fired at Qanbar Mahalleh. Two green rockets and five rifle shots were fired at Masjed Mahalleh. Four white rockets were fired at the Alachai post.

21 March

North and southbound road traffic, between Astara and Lenkoran: One ambulance, 14 trucks, six jeeps, six carts carrying 18 officers, 174 armed soldiers, two civilians, six unarmed soldiers, foodstuffs, and empty sacks; one group of armed soldiers on foot.

East and westbound road traffic, between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep, one ambulance, nine trucks, two motorcycles, and seven carts carrying eight officers, 80 armed soldiers, 48 unarmed soldiers, and 73 civilians; one group of armed soldiers on foot; one group of armed soldiers on horseback.

East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: Two jeeps, one ambulance, four trucks, and ten carts carrying two officers, 55 armed soldiers, eight unarmed soldiers, 14 civilians, logs, bricks, sand, and lime.

Searchlights were flashed on the area six times during the night. Three white rockets were fired at the Maidar Mahalleh post. Five white rockets were fired at Masjed Mahalleh. Two rockets were fired at the Qala post.

23-24 March

North and southbound road traffic, between Lenkoran and Astara: Two jeeps, three ambulances, 11 trucks, three autos, two motorcycles, and five carts carrying ten officers, an unstated number of unarmed soldiers, sand, and gunny sacks.

East and westbound road traffic, between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: Ten trucks carrying an unstated number of soldiers and civilians; three jeeps, one motorcycle, and six carts carrying 11 armed soldiers and 37 unarmed soldiers; one soldier on horseback; two soldiers on bicycles; an unstated number of vehicles carrying sand and planks.

East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: Five trucks, one ambulance, two motorcycles, and three carts carrying 47 armed soldiers, two officers, and an unstated number of civilians.

Searchlights were turned on twice in the area. One white rocket was fired at Masjed Mahalleh during the night. Seven white and red rockets were fired at the Alachai post.

1700 hours

Sixty-three shots and eight dynamite explosions were heard near Masjed Mahalleh.

One officer, two sergeants, and 14 armed soldiers trained with machine guns at the post of Qapchi Mahalleh.

At various hours 15 dynamite blasts were heard.

At various hours train whistles were heard five times.

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Astara continued

25 March

North and southbound road traffic, between Lenkoran and Astara: Six jeeps and 11 trucks carrying 15 officers, 121 armed soldiers, food, and empty sacks; one group of armed soldiers on foot.

East and westbound road traffic, between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep, five trucks, two motorcycles, and four carts carrying eight officers, 48 armed soldiers, 24 unarmed soldiers, and seven civilians; one group of armed soldiers on foot; one group of armed soldiers on horseback.

East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: Eight trucks and two carts carrying 35 armed soldiers, 42 unarmed soldiers, two women, and logs.

1900-2000
hours

Searchlights were flashed over the area three times.

2400 hours

Two white flares were fired at the Rudkinar post.

26 March

North and southbound road traffic, between Lenkoran and Astara: One jeep, two autos, three trucks, and one ambulance carrying four officers, sand and gunny sacks.

East and westbound road traffic, between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: Four vehicles carrying an unstated number of soldiers, 19 unarmed soldiers, four officers, and one sergeant; two officers on bicycles; two soldiers.

East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: Four trucks and three carts carrying two officers, 41 armed soldiers, and one sergeant.

Two armed soldiers and two civilians laid barbed wire at Astara.

1300,1500
hours

Two white rockets were fired at Astara.

0800 hours

Two white rockets were fired at Masjed Mahalleh.

Searchlights were turned on at the tower in Astara.

0430 hours

Train whistles were heard five times; the sound was to the north of Astara.

27 March

North and southbound road traffic, between Lenkoran and Astara: Three trucks and three carts carrying wood and an unstated number of soldiers; one jeep carrying two officers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Five trucks, one motorcycle, and six carts carrying 85 armed soldiers, and five unarmed soldiers.

Two trucks carrying armed soldiers went from Alachai to Masjed Mahalleh.

Two trucks carrying unarmed soldiers went from Qapchi Mahalleh to Alachai.

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Astara continued

East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: One truck and two carts carrying ten armed soldiers, gunny sacks, and iron.

One group of soldiers carrying spades and picks went from Astara toward the Ardebil road.

1830 hours Searchlights were turned on at the top of the watch tower in Astara. Two white rockets were fired at Astara.

1900 hours Six white rockets were fired at the Rudkinar post.

2200 hours Train whistles were heard five times.

Two armed soldiers and 20 civilians dug a drainage ditch in front of the trench at Qapchi Mahalleh.

28-29 March

Road traffic, between Astara and the Ardebil road, and between the Ardebil road and Lenkoran: Two ambulances, four jeeps, five trucks, two autos, and three carts carrying 13 officers, 12 soldiers, wood, and gunny sacks; one officer on horseback.

Two patrols of the garrison stationed at Astara moved toward the Haider Mahalleh post.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Two jeeps, eight trucks (of which two carried armed soldiers), one motorcycle, seven carts carrying eight officers, 16 unarmed soldiers, 29 armed soldiers; 16 armed soldiers and two unarmed soldiers on horseback.

Two truckloads of armed soldiers moved between Qapchi Mahalleh and Alechai.

East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: One ambulance, and seven trucks carrying armed soldiers; one truckload of civilians; two carts carrying ten armed soldiers and one officer; four armed soldiers on horseback.

Searchlight activity was intermittent in the area. One white rocket was fired at Astara. Ten rifle shots and five white rockets were fired during the night at the Rudkinar post. One red and two white rockets were fired at Qapchi Mahalleh.

0400 hours On 28 March, the sound of trains running north of Astara was heard ten times.

0430 hours On 29 March, the sound of trains running north of Astara was heard 21 times.

30 March

North and southbound road traffic, between Lenkoran and Astara: Five jeeps, ten trucks, and one cart carrying 17 officers, 128 armed soldiers, and empty sacks; one group of armed soldiers on foot.

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Astara continued

East and westbound road traffic, between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep, 12 trucks, and two motorcycles carrying eight officers, 111 armed soldiers, and nine civilians; one group of armed soldiers on foot; one group of armed soldiers on horseback.

East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: Eight trucks and seven carts carrying 60 armed soldiers, eight unarmed soldiers, four women, sand, lime, and logs.

0430 hours The sound of moving trains to the north of Astara was heard 12 times.

2400 hours Three white flares were fired at the Rudkinar post.

1700 hours Two white flares were fired at Qapchi Mahalleh.

31 March

North and southbound road traffic, between Lenkoran and Astara: One jeep, one ambulance, seven trucks, and one cart carrying 40 soldiers and 49 unarmed civilians.

East and westbound road traffic, between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: Two jeeps, two trucks, and one cart carrying two officers, 30 armed soldiers, two civilians, five women, and several unarmed soldiers.

East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: Two trucks, one motorcycle, and one cart carrying 12 unarmed soldiers, two civilians, five women, and food.

During the night 19 red and white flares were fired at Rudkinar. An unstated number of flares were fired opposite the Iranian post of Bagchen Sarch. Searchlights were flashed over the area several times.

0430 hours The sound of moving trains to the north of Astara was heard five times.

1 April

North and southbound road traffic, between Lenkoran and Astara: Two jeeps, one auto, 24 trucks, and one cart carrying three officers, 25 armed soldiers, and two unarmed soldiers; one group of soldiers on foot.

Westbound road traffic, between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: Six trucks and five carts carrying 34 armed soldiers, nine civilians, four officers, logs, and barrels; one officer and one civilian on bicycles.

Twelve officers and one soldier went from Khoshkeh Dahaneh to Bagchen Sarch.

Westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: Five trucks and two carts carrying 48 armed soldiers, ten unarmed soldiers, seven civilians, one officer, and sand.

1200 hours Two soldiers were engaged in laying telephone wire on the ground from Qapchi Mahalleh toward Astara.

night One flare was fired at Astara. One white flare was fired toward Pol Marzi. One white and one red flare were fired from Astara toward the sea. Searchlights were flashed over the area six times.

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Astara continued

2-3 April

North and southbound road traffic, between Lenkoran and Astara: Two autos, nine jeeps, 28 trucks, one motorcycle, and one cart carrying 21 officers, 159 armed soldiers, 12 unarmed soldiers, 27 civilians, food, and empty sacks; one group of armed soldiers on foot.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Two officers and one group of soldiers.

Two groups of soldiers were observed moving behind the garrison at Astara.

East and westbound road traffic, between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep, eight trucks, and three carts carrying seven officers, 40 armed soldiers, 22 unarmed soldiers, six civilians, two officers (sic), two soldiers (sic), and barrels of kerosene; two civilians on bicycles; one group of armed soldiers on horseback.

East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: One motorcycle, 12 trucks, and 13 carts carrying 66 armed soldiers, 35 unarmed soldiers, 16 male civilians, three women, 25 armed soldiers (sic), bricks, sand, and lime.

Twelve red and white flares were fired at the Rudkinar post. Searchlights were flashed 14 times after midnight. Two white rockets were fired at Bagchen Sareh, and three white flares at Masjed Mahalleh during the night.

Two officers and two soldiers fired one white flare during the day at the new post of Bagchen Sareh, and then immediately went toward the post of Qapchi Mahalleh.

0400-0430
hours

The sound of trains was heard 23 times to the north of Astara.

4-5 April

North and southbound road traffic, between Lenkoran and Astara: Seven jeeps, two ambulances, one motorcycle, two autos, and ten trucks carrying 14 officers, two unarmed soldiers; three groups of armed soldiers; 12 empty trucks; two covered trucks; an unstated number of vehicles carrying logs; one truckload of armed soldiers.

East and westbound road traffic, between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: Three jeeps and five trucks carrying 11 officers, 15 unarmed soldiers, five civilians, and four barrels of kerosene.

Four truckloads of unarmed soldiers, one truckload of civilians, and two trucks carrying six officers and an unstated number of soldiers went from Astara to Alachai.

East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west: One jeep, six trucks, one auto, one motorcycle, and five carts carrying four officers, 21 armed soldiers, 25 unarmed soldiers, 18 civilians, clothing, wood, and logs; three truckloads of armed soldiers.

Four soldiers were engaged in loading a truck with sand taken from a stream opposite Bagchen Sareh.

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Astara continued

Twenty-two white and red flares were fired at various places in the Astara area. After midnight searchlights were turned on 24 times. Seven red and white flares were fired opposite Bagchen Sareh by Soviet patrols. One green flare was also fired at Bagchen Sareh.

6 April

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: One truck; one group of armed soldiers; 25 trucks carrying 34 unarmed soldiers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Two empty trucks; two carts carrying 12 armed soldiers and two civilians; one ambulance and two autos carrying 22 armed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One truck carrying 25 armed soldiers; one empty cart; one ambulance; one cart loaded with sand; one jeep carrying two officers and two armed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One cart carrying six armed soldiers and two civilians; two truckloads of logs; six unarmed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west (alternate version): One ambulance, two autos, one jeep carrying two officers and three armed soldiers; two trucks carrying 34 armed soldiers and six civilians; two carts loaded with kerosene barrels.

Six flares and two red flares were fired at Astara. Three white flares were fired at Rudkinar. Searchlights were turned on in the area near Astara three times during the night.

2200
hours

Three white flares were fired at the Alachai post.

0430
hours

The sound of trains was heard ten times to the north of Astara.

7 April

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Three trucks; one auto carrying soldiers; two motorcycles carrying two officers; one jeep and nine trucks.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Four trucks.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Two empty trucks; two truckloads of unarmed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One motorcycle and one truck carrying civilians; one truckload of sand; one jeep carrying two officers; one truck carrying four women and two unarmed soldiers.

Two truckloads of soldiers and one cart carrying copper containers and a cooking pot went toward the Alachai post.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Two trucks and one cart carrying 34 soldiers and two civilians; one ambulance and one truck carrying 24 unarmed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: One truck carrying 25 soldiers, one cart carrying soldiers.

night

Twelve red and white flares were fired at the Rudkinar post. Searchlights were flashed over the area several times.

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Astara continued

8 April

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Five empty trucks; two truckloads of armed soldiers; three closed trucks and one truckload of hay.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Three groups of soldiers; one truckload of soldiers; two jeeps carrying four officers; one truck carrying twelve armed soldiers.

One truckload of soldiers went from the Astara garrison to the Bagchen Sareh road.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One truck carrying seven soldiers, five officers, and three barrels; two trucks carrying three officers and four civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One truckload of foodstuffs; one truck carrying one woman, four armed soldiers, and two officers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh (alternate version): One cart carrying six civilians; one ambulance.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Two trucks and one cart carrying 34 armed soldiers and two civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: One motorcycle carrying two officers; one soldier; one truckload of unarmed soldiers; two officers on horseback.

1230
hours

One Soviet officer and three armed soldiers arrived at Masjed Mahalleh and Ordubad and observed the post of Bagchen Sareh through field glasses.

Ten white rockets were fired during the night at Astara and Rudkhar.

1900-
2100
hours

Searchlights were flashed over the area 12 times.

9 April

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Two truckloads of soldiers; two motorcycles carrying two officers; three covered trucks; one auto; four empty trucks.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Two groups of armed soldiers; one motorcycle carrying one officer; one armed soldier; one auto; three empty trucks; one truckload of armed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One truckload of soldiers; one truck carrying four soldiers; one officer on a motorcycle; two officers on bicycles; one jeep carrying three officers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Eight soldiers carrying spades and picks.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Two trucks and one cart carrying 34 armed soldiers and two civilians; one jeep carrying three officers and one armed soldier.

1130
hours

Four Soviet frontier guard officers came to the bridge at Astara, talked to patrols, and returned to their place of origin.

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Astara continued

night

One white rocket was fired at Masjed Mahalleh. Two rockets were fired at Haidar Mahalleh. Twenty white and green rockets were fired at Astara and Rudkinar. Searchlights were turned on 10 times in the area.

10 April

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Three closed trucks; one motorcycle; seven empty trucks; two truckloads of armed soldiers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Two groups of armed soldiers; four trucks; one auto.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One truck carrying two armed soldiers and eight civilians; one cart carrying one officer, two soldiers, and three wooden cases.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One truck carrying five officers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One truck carrying five armed soldiers; one cart carrying two soldiers and one officer; two officers on bicycles.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: One truck carrying twelve soldiers.

0830 -
1030
hours

Soviet soldiers conducted a machine gun firing practice at Astara.

0700
hours

Two Soviet soldiers armed with rifles and side arms installed telephone wire along the frontier.

night

Eight white rockets were fired from the Lenkoran road and the Astara garrison. Two green and white rockets were fired opposite the confiscated (sic) land, the post of Bagchen Sareh, and the post of Qapchi Mahalleh.

11 April

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: One truckload of soldiers; twelve covered trucks; one jeep carrying two officers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: One gun with a long barrel; one group of armed soldiers; one ambulance.

0800
hours

One armored car was observed moving from behind the Soviet Frontier Guard headquarters.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One truckload of soldiers; one truck carrying 10 soldiers; one cart carrying 12 civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One truck carrying four civilians and wood; one jeep carrying one officer; two jeeps carrying four officers and five armed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One truck and three carts carrying 34 armed soldiers; one jeep carrying two officers and four civilians; one truckload of foodstuffs.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Two carts carrying 24 armed soldiers and logs; one ambulance; two women; one motorcycle.

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Astara continued

0900-1200 hours Soviet soldiers conducted machine gun firing practice.

Seven white and red rockets were fired at Haidar Mahalleh and Kenyar Darya. Searchlights were turned on nine times during the night.

0550 hours One red rocket was fired at the Bagchen Sareh watch tower.

0700 hours One red and one white rocket were fired at the Bagchen Sareh watch tower.

12 April

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Two truckloads of armed soldiers; one truckload of unarmed soldiers; one jeep carrying two officers and two soldiers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Two truckloads of foodstuffs; one truckload of empty sacks; four jeeps and six trucks carrying 12 officers and 75 armed soldiers; two carts carrying 12 armed soldiers; one ambulance.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Two motorcycles carrying two officers and two civilians; two groups of armed soldiers; one group of soldiers on horseback; three trucks and two carts carrying 48 armed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One jeep and two trucks carrying six officers, 42 unarmed soldiers, and six civilians.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Two carts carrying sand; one cart carrying lime; two trucks and three carts carrying 25 armed soldiers and six unarmed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Two truckloads of logs; two carts carrying 14 unarmed soldiers and three women.

0800-1100 hours Soviet soldiers conducted rifle and machine gun practice at Astara.

2200 hours Four white rockets were fired at Rudkinar.

2400 hours Six white rockets were fired at Haidar Mahalleh and Astara.

15 April

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Two truckloads of armed soldiers; two closed trucks; one auto; one jeep carrying two officers; eight trucks.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Four truckloads of soldiers; six empty trucks.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Two autos carrying armed soldiers; one truck carrying five civilians; one truckload of armed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One truckload of soldiers; one cart carrying five civilians; one auto carrying 10 soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One truckload of unarmed soldiers; one truck carrying 15 unarmed soldiers; one truck carrying men and women soldiers; one truck carrying men and women soldiers who were singing.

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Astara continued

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: One truckload of unarmed soldiers.

Five white rockets were fired at Astara, Haidar Mahalleh, and the Lenkoran road. One white rocket was fired at Rudkinar. Searchlights were turned on four times during the night.

0930-1700
hours

Soviet soldiers conducted rifle and machine gun firing practice at Astara.

16 April

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: One auto, two jeeps, 11 covered trucks, and one ambulance carrying four officers, and five civilians; two truckloads of unarmed soldiers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Four jeeps and seven trucks carrying six officers, 24 armed soldiers, four unarmed soldiers, two civilians, and sand.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One auto, two trucks, three carts, and one ambulance carrying three soldiers and wood.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One jeep, six trucks, and two carts carrying two officers, 78 unarmed soldiers, and 14 men and women.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Two trucks and six carts carrying wooden poles; two autos carrying men and women.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Two trucks and one cart carrying 24 armed soldiers.

1130-1230
hours

Soviet soldiers conducted rifle and machine gun firing practice at Astara.

2400 hours

Four white rockets were fired at Haidar Mahalleh and Astara.

17 April

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: One group of armed soldiers; one ambulance and one jeep carrying two officers and three unarmed soldiers; seven trucks with unknown contents; two truckloads of soldiers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Two trucks carrying 32 armed soldiers; one auto, one cart, and two jeeps carrying four officers and three unarmed soldiers; six empty carts.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Two trucks, three carts, 65 armed soldiers, one ambulance, and two jeeps carrying two officers and six unarmed officers.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One cart and one truck carrying 24 armed soldiers; one auto; one truck carrying two armed soldiers and foodstuffs.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Two empty trucks; one cart carrying six civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: two jeeps carrying four officers and four soldiers; 10 empty trucks; one truckload of kerosene barrels; three carts carrying 16 unarmed soldiers.

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Astara continued

Six white and green rockets were fired at the Astara garrison, Haidar Mahalleh, and the Lenkoran highway.

2400 hours Three white rockets were fired at the Rudkinar post.

Searchlights were turned on six times at the Astara garrison and behind the Astara health office.

18 April

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: One group of soldiers; 11 trucks with unknown contents; five jeeps, two autos, and two trucks carrying soldiers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Two closed trucks; two empty trucks; and two truckloads of soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One truck carrying men and women soldiers; eight armed soldiers; one truckload of sand; two officers on horseback; three armed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Two truckloads of civilians; one truckload of wood; one truck carrying two civilians; one truckload of unarmed soldiers.

1745 hours Three soldiers repaired a heavy machine gun nest located opposite the new post at Bagchen Sareh. The soldiers burned the brush surrounding the area.

1100 hours Soviet soldiers commenced rifle and machine gun firing practice at Astara.

1400-1800 hours A number of Soviet soldiers maneuvered at the coastal garrison. During the maneuver, the soldiers cheered every ten minutes. After the maneuver, three groups of soldiers moved along the Lenkoran highway, and another two groups returned to Frontier Guard headquarters.

Three white rockets were fired from the Haidar Mahalleh road. Searchlights were turned on in the area eight times.

19 April

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: One truck carrying 25 unarmed soldiers; one jeep carrying one officer; one auto; 12 trucks with unknown contents; two groups of armed soldiers on foot.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: One truckload of armed soldiers; one auto carrying three officers and two civilians; one group of armed soldiers; one empty truck.

One truck carrying soldiers went from Astara to Alachai.

Four trucks carrying unarmed men and women went from Astara to Alachai and returned.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep carrying one officer; one truck carrying two barrels.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One truck carrying 12 unarmed soldiers; one motorcycle; one jeep carrying two officers; two carts carrying wood.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Two carts carrying food; one truck carrying 25 unarmed soldiers.

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Astara continued

Seven white rockets were fired at Rudkinar, Haidar Mahalleh, and the garrison at Astara. Three white rockets were fired opposite Qapchi Mahalleh. Searchlights were turned on 11 times at Astara.

1050 hours One Soviet officer observed through field glasses from the Qapchi Mahalleh watch tower.

19 April
(alternate version) Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Two jeeps and 29 trucks carrying 14 officers; two truckloads of soldiers; one auto.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Seven empty trucks; one truckload of soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One truckload of soldiers; three trucks carrying 40 armed soldiers, six unarmed soldiers, and one barrel; one jeep carrying one officer.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One officer on a bicycle; one truck carrying five unarmed soldiers; one truckload of telegraph poles.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One truckload of soldiers; three trucks carrying 34 soldiers and six civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Twenty-four unarmed soldiers.

1145 hours Seven salvos of artillery fire were heard from the direction of Bagchen Sareh.

1400 hours Soviet soldiers conducted rifle and machine gun firing practice at Astara.

Three white rockets were fired at Haidar Mahalleh, at the garrison at Astara, and from behind the health office in Astara. Two white rockets were fired opposite the Bagchen Sareh post. Searchlights were turned on nine times at the garrison at Astara.

21 April Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Two autos; one jeep; two carts; two officers; 12 unarmed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep; three trucks carrying two officers, nine armed soldiers, 10 unarmed soldiers and barrels; one truckload of unarmed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Three trucks and one cart carrying wooden poles.

Westbound road traffic Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One auto; one jeep; three carts; one ambulance; one officer, 34 unarmed soldiers, six civilians, wood; two truckloads of armed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Two trucks and one cart carrying 42 unarmed soldiers.

Nine white and red rockets were fired at Haidar Mahalleh, Pol Marzi, and at Kenyar Larya on the coast. Two white rockets were fired opposite the Khoshkeh Dahaneh post. Searchlights were turned on 17 times during the night.

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22 April

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Twenty trucks with unknown contents; two trucks; one truckload of soldiers; one group of armed soldiers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Eleven trucks.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Two jeeps and one cart carrying two officers and two armed soldiers; one cart and one truck carrying unarmed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One truckload of telephone poles; one truckload of armed soldiers; two soldiers on foot.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One truckload of telegraph poles.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: One truckload of unarmed soldiers.

2100 hours

Three hundred white rockets were fired behind Masjed Mahalleh and bursts of machine gun fire were heard.

Ten white and red rockets were fired at intermittent intervals at Haidar Mahalleh.

2300-2400 hours

Two hundred seventy-five white and red rockets were fired at the Astara garrison. Searchlights were turned on at the garrison.

23 April

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Two autos; four trucks with unknown loads; three trucks.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: One group of soldiers; two trucks.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Five truckloads of unarmed soldiers; one truck carrying civilians; one truckload of sand.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One truckload of unarmed soldiers; two carts carrying 14 armed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Two trucks carrying five civilians and two unarmed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west(alternate version): One auto carrying one unarmed soldier, two sergeants, and two corporals.

1330-1500 hours

Fifteen soldiers engaged in machine gun practice.

Sixteen white rockets were fired at Haidar Mahalleh and Rudkinar posts. Searchlights were turned on 11 times.

Three Soviet soldiers, one holding a camera and one holding field glasses, took photos of jeeps and vehicles in the party of Iranian General Moqbehli as the party drove from Astara to Ardebil. Soldiers took the pictures from behind a school at Bagchen Sareh.

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8. Pahlevi
14 March 1130 hours Four aircraft were observed flying at a high altitude in a southerly direction over the Iranian post of Pahlevi. Because of the high altitude at which the planes were flying they could not be identified.
9. Babolsar
5 April From a spot a few kilometers north of Goharbaran (not located) four rockets were fired toward the sea. The reason for this action was unknown.
10. Lutfabad
11-16 March
- Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad:
Twenty-five trains composed of 186 passenger cars, 50 tank cars, and 475 freight cars of which three were loaded with armored cars, 50 carried wood, 11 carried trucks, four carried bricks, seven carried iron, one carried an army tank, three carried cases, two carried skins, and 26 were empty.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha:
Twenty-six trains composed of 67 passenger cars, 245 tank cars, 373 freight cars of which 25 carried iron, eight carried bricks, one carried cases, three were empty, and 30 carried coal.
- night East and westbound rail traffic, between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Sixty trains of unknown make-up.
- Thirty-eight of the locomotives of the trains which were observed were diesels.
- 17-19 March
- Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad:
Thirteen trains composed of 48 passenger cars, 141 kerosene cars, and 212 freight cars of which 24 carried wood, five were empty, six carried trucks, eight carried autos, nine carried bricks, five carried coal, one carried an artillery piece, and an unstated number carried eight armored cars.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha:
Seventeen trains composed of 45 passenger cars, 196 kerosene cars, 308 freight cars, eight carloads of trucks, 14 carloads of alfalfa, one carload of autos, one carload of cases, one carload of planks, 62 coal cars, and three carloads of aircraft parts.
- night East and westbound between Kaakha and Ashkhabad:
Twenty-six trains of unknown make-up.
- Eighteen of the locomotives of the trains which were observed were diesels.
- 25-28 March
- Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad:
Twenty trains composed of 51 passenger cars, 367 tank cars, and 319 freight cars of which ten carried weapons carriers, 11 carried wood, one carried bricks, seven carried cases, one carried jeeps, nine carried coal, one carried autos, eight carried trucks, two carried cotton, two carried artillery, three carried iron, ten carried alfalfa, 29 were empty, and the remainder were covered.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha:
Twenty-two trains composed of 79 passenger cars, 183 tank cars, and 338 freight cars of which nine were loaded with iron, five carried autos, seven carried jeeps, one carried bricks, four carried

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Lutfabad continued-

wood, eight carried trucks, two carried empty sacks, 110 carried coal, one was empty, and the remainder were covered.

night

East and westbound rail traffic between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Thirty-nine trains of unknown make-up.

Thirty of the locomotives of the trains which were observed were diesels.

29-31 March

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Fourteen trains composed of 55 passenger cars, 171 cars, and 216 freight cars of which 27 carried wood, six carried trucks, four carried autos, five carried coal, two carried artillery, five carried empty sacks, two carried scales, five carried iron, five carried cases, and two were empty.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Twelve trains composed of 18 passenger cars, 144 tank cars, 118 freight cars, two carloads of iron, 64 carloads of coal, 24 carloads of troops, ten carloads of cases, one carload of bricks, and three carloads of autos.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Twenty-six trains of unknown make-up.

Twenty-one of the locomotives of the trains which were observed were diesels.

1-4 April

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Nineteen trains composed of 41 passenger cars, 232 tank cars, and 240 cars of which three carried trucks, one carried autos, one carried iron, nine carried coal, 28 were empty, five carried wood, and seven carried cases.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Twenty-four trains composed of 18 passenger cars, 374 tank cars, and 543 cars of which two carried weapons carriers, one carried wood, one carried cases, 24 carried iron, 81 carried coal, six carried autos, one carried trucks, and one carried jeeps.

night

East and westbound rail traffic between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Thirty-seven trains of unknown make-up.

Thirty-three of the locomotives of the trains which were observed were diesels.

5-8 April

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Twenty-four trains composed of 78 passenger cars, 210 tank cars, and 332 freight cars, of which 56 carried trucks, 11 carried planks, 14 carried autos, 15 carried coal, eight carried bricks, one carried weapons carriers, one carried scales, 38 were empty, and the remainder were covered.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Thirty trains composed of 87 passenger cars, 345 tank cars, and 435 freight cars of which 12 carried trucks, three carried autos, two carried hay, 64 carried coal, one carried guns, six carried copper containers, 12 carried bricks, one carried planks, five were empty, and one was a water car.

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night

East and westbound rail traffic between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Forty-six trains of unknown make-up.

18 April

East and westbound rail traffic between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Three trains composed of 20 passenger cars among which were observed 14 compartments of armed soldiers, four kerosene cars, and 58 freight cars of which 13 carried coal, five were empty, and the remainder were covered; four trains composed of 46 kerosene cars, and 160 freight cars of which 25 carried trucks, one carried jeeps, 12 carried coal, 13 carried armored cars, ten carried weapons carriers, two carried artillery pieces, seven carried iron, two carried wood, and the remainder were covered.

night

East and westbound rail traffic between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Ten trains of unknown make-up.

Five of the locomotives of the trains which were observed were diesels.

19-21 April

East and westbound rail traffic between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Fourteen trains composed of 24 passenger cars, 248 kerosene cars, and 232 freight cars of which eight carried trucks, 43 carried wood for autos (sic), six carried coal, one carried unarmed soldiers, two carried civilians, and the remainder were covered; sixteen trains composed of 54 passenger cars, 236 kerosene cars, and 351 freight cars of which seven carried armed soldiers, five carried jeeps, four carried iron bars, two carried large boxes, and the remainder were covered.

night

East and westbound rail traffic between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Twenty-five trains of unknown make-up.

Sixteen of the locomotives of the trains which were observed were diesels.

11. Sarakhs
20 March
(approximate)

The Soviets were engaged in laying barbed wire around the Pol-i-Khatum post and Sargarun. Opposite the rest house and the stable a thick wall is being built (place not stated, but possibly Pol-i-Khatum).

First week in April

The Soviets are building two high, wooden watch-towers between the Soviet posts of Baztapeh and Kalkhuz.

20 April

Two Soviet fighter aircraft flew for the first time over Pol-i-Khatum, and then flew back to the Gazgazik garrison.

The former post and watch-tower at Pol-i-Khatum has been moved to a higher spot on a nearby hill.

The Soviets have established a covered storage place for kerosene and gasoline 500 m north of the Pol-i-Khatum post.

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or not this train is included in the total rail traffic given above.

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